



# Howard County Government

## CB64-2019

### Primary Information

**Title:** AN ACT to require a specified fee on certain disposable bags; providing for the collection of the fee and the administration of the subtitle; specifying the duties of certain stores; creating a Disposable Plastics Reduction Fund; providing for the administration and uses of the Fund; providing for penalties for certain violations; requiring certain studies and reports; and generally relating to disposable bags in the County.

**Short Title:** Disposable plastic bags - fees.

**Category:** General

**Primary Sponsors:** Opel Jones, Christiana Mercer Rigby

**Secondary Sponsors:**

**Status:** Passed as Amended

**Date Signed:** 12/6/2019

**Date Enacted:**

**Date Vetoed:**

**Date Veto Overridden:**



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### Amendments

#### Amendment 1

**Amendment Date:** 12/02/2019

**Legislative Day:** 14

**Comments:** This Amendment alters the amount a store may retain for administrative expenses

On page 2, in line 6, strike "10%" and substitute "20%".

### Motions on Amendment

#### Motion to Approve

**Motion Date:** 12/2/2019

**Final Action:** Passed

**Moved By :** Opel Jones

**Seconded By :** Christiana Mercer Rigby

Name	District	Vote
Liz Walsh	1	Yes
Opel Jones	2	Yes
Christiana Mercer Rigby	3	Yes
Deb Jung	4	Yes
David Yungmann	5	Yes



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### Amendment 2

**Amendment Date:** 12/02/2019

**Legislative Day:** 14

**Comments:** This Amendment alters the date to begin enforcement of the Act

On page 4, in line 19, strike “*July 1, 2020*” and substitute “*October 1, 2020*”.

### Motions on Amendment

#### Motion to Approve

**Motion Date:** 12/2/2019

**Final Action:** Passed

**Moved By :** Opel Jones

**Seconded By :** Christiana Mercer Rigby

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Liz Walsh	1	Yes
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### Amendment 3

**Amendment Date:** 12/02/2019

**Legislative Day:** 14

**Comments:** This Amendment bans disposable plastic bags beginning July 1, 2021



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On the title page, in the purpose paragraph, in the first line after “bags” insert “under certain circumstances”; after the last semi-colon, insert “prohibiting specified disposable plastic bags after a certain date”.

On page 1, after line 6, insert:

“Title 22 - General provisions.

Subtitle 11 - Miscellaneous

Section 22.1100. Disposable bags.”.

Also on page 1, in line 25, strike “Each” and substitute, “Subject to section 22.1100 of the County Code, each”.

On page 4, after line 16, insert:

“Title 22 - General provisions.

Subtitle 11 - Miscellaneous.

Sec. 22.1100. Disposable bags.

(a) Definitions.

(1) In this section, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Disposable bag” has the meaning stated in Section 13-1001 of the Local Government Article of the Maryland Code.

(3) “Store” has the meaning stated in Section 13-1001 of the Local Government Article of the Maryland Code.

(b) In general.

On and after July 1, 2021, a store may not provide a disposable bag to a customer.

(c) Violation.

A violation of this section is a class A civil violation subject to civil penalties under Title 24 of this Code. For purposes of title 24, the Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits is the enforcing agency.”



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### Motions on Amendment

#### Motion to Approve

**Motion Date:** 12/2/2019

**Final Action:** Failed

**Moved By :** Deb Jung

**Seconded By :** Liz Walsh

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Liz Walsh	1	Yes
Opel Jones	2	No
Christiana Mercer Rigby	3	No
Deb Jung	4	Yes
David Yungmann	5	No

#### Amendment 4

**Amendment Date:** 12/02/2019

**Legislative Day:** 14

**Comments:** (This Amendment provides that recipients of certain public benefits do not pay the bag fee.)

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### Amendment 4 to Council Bill No. 64-2019

BY: Deb Jung Legislative Day No. 14

Date: December 2, 2019

#### Amendment No. 4

*(This Amendment provides that recipients of certain public benefits do not pay the bag fee.)*

On page 1:

- after line 19, insert: “(a) In general.”
- In line 20, strike “As” and substitute “Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, as”.
- After line 22, insert:

“(b) Exception.”

A fee shall not be imposed on a disposable bag that is used to contain purchases made by a customer using a voucher or electronic benefits transfer card issued under the:

(1) Food Supplement Program (FSP);

(2) Women Infants and Children program (WIC); or

(3) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).”

#### Motions on Amendment

##### Motion to Introduce

**Motion Date:** 12/2/2019

**Final Action:** Failed

**Moved By :** Deb Jung

**Seconded By :** Liz Walsh

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Liz Walsh	1	Yes
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Deb Jung	4	Yes
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### Motions/Votes On Legislation

#### Motion to Approve

**Motion Date:** 12/2/2019

**Final Action:** Passed as Amended

**Moved By :** Opel Jones

**Seconded By :** Christiana Mercer Rigby

Name	District	Vote
Liz Walsh	1	Yes
Opel Jones	2	Yes
Christiana Mercer Rigby	3	Yes
Deb Jung	4	Yes
David Yungmann	5	No

### Documents

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